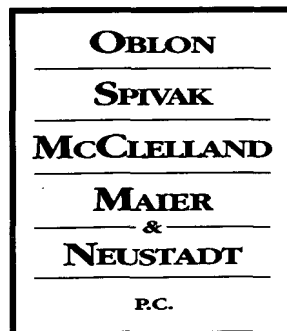




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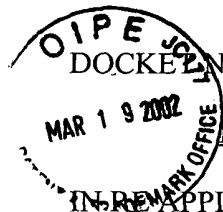
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In response to the Official Action dated February 19, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5, 9-18, 20-35. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, ramoplanin as shown in Formula (I) (page 2) and where the substituents R and R' are as defined in the table on page 4 (and reproduced below). Further, Applicants elect, with traverse soybean oil as a species of vegetable oil and egg yolk phospholipids as a species of emulsifier. No election of a specific triglyceride is required by the election of Group I. Claims 1-35 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-5, 9-18, 20-35, drawn to a composition which permits, but does not require, a triglyceride;
- Group II: Claims 6 and 8, drawn to compositions which require a triglyceride (apart from what may present in the naturally occurring vegetable oil); and
- Group III: Claims 18-19, drawn to a "kit".

In addition, an election of a single disclosed Species is required for each of the following: